

U.S. Congressman Mike Pence delivered the following remarks today on the floor of the House of Representatives, in response to news media reports that Speaker Pelosi may adjourn the House without allowing a vote to stop a \$3.9 trillion tax increase:

Transcript:

“The American people are hurting, in the city and on the farm. Our economy continues to struggle. Unless Congress acts before the end of this year, every American will see a tax increase.□ Every single one. That’s why I rise in disbelief, with the news that this Congress is poised to adjourn for the fall’s elections without even taking a vote on extending current tax relief. Let me say that again – I know there are proposals on the majority side about trying to extend the tax relief for some and not others – but what we’re hearing is they intend to adjourn before Election Day without ever voting to make sure that no American sees a tax increase in January of next year.

“Mr. Speaker, higher taxes won’t get anybody hired. Raising taxes on job creators won’t create jobs. Let’s have the debate. There’s a growing bipartisan majority in this House that is prepared to extend all tax relief for every American in this, the worst economy in 25 years. And so I say: No extension of tax relief, no adjournment. Congress must not adjourn until we take an up or down vote on extending all tax relief for every American.”